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SUBJECT: CC FOREIGN POLICY PLENUM ENDS WITHOUT ENLIGHTENING
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1. CC FOREIGN POLICY PLENUM ENDED JULY 19. APPARENTLY
ZHIVKOV KEYNOTE REPORT AND OTHER SPEAKERS REMARKS
WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. SHORT PUBLISHED RESOLUTION
RESTATES KNOWN BULGARIAN POSITIONS AND ENDORSES
ANEW 1969 GATHERING OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES,
BCP TENTH CONGRESS AND OCTOBER (1971) PLENUM PLUS
CPSU APRIL (1973) PLENUM. FINE WORDS OF BCP OCTOBER
PLENUM ABOUT KEEPING PUBLIC INFORMED OF WHAT LEADER-
SHIP DOING THUS CRASSLY VIOLATED.

2. PUBLISHED RESOLUTION DOES NOT BEAR OUT EXPECTATION
PLENUM WOULD PUBLICLY ENDORSE BETTER BULGARIAN RE-
LATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY US. WHILE
PRAISING BREZHNEV'S CONTRIBUTION TO BETTER US-SOVIET
RELATIONS, RESOLUTION WARNS THAT CLASS STRUGGLE WILL
CONTINUE WITH MAJOR BATTLEFIELDS BEING "ECONOMICS,
IDEOLOGY, POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY". RESOLUTION DE-
VOTES MUCH MORE SPACE TO BULGARIA'S RELATIONS WITH
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USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES THAN TO PEACEFUL

COEXISTENCE THEME.

3. PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE MINIMAL, LIMITED TO EXPECTED OUSTER FOR CAUSE OF DISGRACED INTERIOR MINISTER TSANEV (REF A). FAILURE OF PLENUM EVEN TO FILL VACANCY RESULTING FROM BULGARANOV DEATH SUGGEST POSSIBLE STAND-OFF BETWEEN HARDLINERS AND PROGRESSIVES.

4. RESOLUTION MYSTERIOUSLY CHARGES POLITBURO WITH "DRAWING UP MEASURES TO EXECUTE THE TASKS ARISING FROM REPORT OF TODOR ZHIVKOV." AS THESE MEASURES BECOME VISIBLE, MORE LIGHT MAY BE SHED ON THE BCP'S JULY (1973) PLENUM.
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